

Committee Notes – Joint Meeting

Security Committee- Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID

July 9, 2015

Salvation Army The Way In

Attendance: **HED Committee Members present:** John Tronson, Frank Babitch, Chad Lewis. Not present: Carol Massie, Derrick Malec. **SVBID Committee Members present:** Fred Rosenthal, Fabio Conti, Elizabeth McDonald, Anthony Bell. **Liaisons:** Joe Salazar, Steve Seyler, Andrews International. Captain Carranza, Senior Lead Officer Irv Isabella, LAPD. **Staff:** Kerry Morrison, Joseph Mariani. **Guests:** Karen Weiner, The Salvation Army, Mike Arminio, LA Film School. Savannah Walseth, BID intern.

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by John Tronson at 10:05 a.m.
- II. Public Comment: There was no public comment.
- III. Meeting Notes: The committee reviewed the meeting notes from their June 11, 2015 meeting.
- IV. New Business

A. Sidewalk vending ordinance: Morrison reported that there was nothing new to report on the ordinance. The Chief Legislative Analyst's office has scheduled two more hearings, through August, and then presumably will be issuing a draft ordinance for consideration.

B. Homeless issues update: Kerry Morrison introduced Savannah Walseth, a student at Reed College, who is interning with the BID this summer to update records and case profiles associated with the Top 14, most mentally ill, vulnerable, chronically homeless individuals in Hollywood. Savannah provided a recap on the origins of the list, dating back to 2013, and what had happened with the original group. Given that three people have died, three have been housed, one is in jail – Hollywood 4WRD added to the ranks to identify 14 more candidates to help and move into housing of some sort.

C. Campaign to discourage panhandling: Morrison reported that the public information cards are being printed (in English, Spanish, Chinese and Korean) and will be available for distribution by the end of the month. The website is ready to accept visitors.

D. Bronson/Sunset intersection: Staff conducted a walk-through with office of Assemblymember Kevin DeLeon, CHP, Cal Trans, BID Patrol, LAPD and office of CD-13 on June 29, to discuss how to discourage encampments and reduce panhandling at the freeway exit. Cal Trans will put up a "no trespassing" sign. There seemed to be little that the state officials could do to gate or better protect the area.

E. Staples: Morrison mentioned that encampments are popping up alongside the Staples property on Sunset Blvd again. This situation had been ameliorated a few years ago by the installation of bright lights. Sunset board member Brian Folb is attempting to reach out to corporate Staples.

F. Las Palmas camera: Staff is continuing to work with LAPD and DOT to identify a 24/7 power solution on the pole at the SW corner of Las Palmas and Hollywood so the camera can be installed.

V. PARTNER REPORTS

A. Andrews International: Steve Seyler presented highlights from the report dated June 1 through June 28, 2015. He indicated that calls for service are on the increase significantly – at this pace, it is projected that they will handle between 750 and 1000 more calls in 2015 as compared to 2014.

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B. Report from LAPD: Captain Carranza reported on two recent murders in Hollywood – one on McCadden which seemed to resemble a “hit” of some sort. A second involved an altercation between two transients near Sunset and Highland. There was some general discussion about the types of knives that are consider illegal to carry, and how LAPD is addressing unattended property given a recent court settlement.

There were no representatives on hand from LA County Sheriff, Neighborhood Prosecutor or City Council office.

VI. Next Meeting: The Committee will go on hiatus for the August meeting.

VII. Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.